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## PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE'S FUNDING SUCCESS IS MUSIC TO EVERYONE'S EARS...

**The award winning community music organisation is celebrating after receiving over £220,000 of funding from the local regeneration agency, DRC Partnership. Hundreds of people in Devonport will now benefit from an exciting programme of free musical workshops over the next two years.**

The money is an investment in what the music education charity is calling "Music Making A Difference – the Devonport Legacy" and looks set to have a big impact on the local community.

### **PMZ's Project Director, Ben Ballard, is delighted:**

"We're over the moon to receive this funding. This is a hugely diverse programme of "cradle to grave" music activities for young and old alike that will put music right at the centre of regeneration efforts in the area. Music brings people together and we want the community of Devonport to take advantage of the opportunities that are open to them here. This investment will give us a real leg up so we can create a lasting legacy in Devonport, one that really shows the power of music to make a difference."

The funding will allow Plymouth Music Zone to work with elderly people for the first time with a newly established 'Silver Sounds' programme. This involves holding music workshops in various residential homes and other settings throughout Devonport. The 'StreetBeatz' programme aimed at teenagers will use music technology to focus on urban music like hip hop, rap and beatboxing. Families of children with special educational needs in the area are being asked to contact PMZ to take up the offer of free 'Sensation Sessions' in the groundbreaking multi-sensory music room at their Devonport base.

### **PMZ's Development Director, Debbie Geraghty says it will allow them to do so much more:**

"On top of all the extra workshops on offer, this funding also means we can employ 2 new posts to work in the Devonport area as well as providing over £50,000 to spend on vital equipment and a much needed new van. We'll obviously continue to be a project that works throughout the city and beyond but we're really looking forward to working in partnership with the other agencies and youth providers in Devonport to really maximise the impact of the work we'll be doing in this area."

### **DRC Partnership's Head of Programmes, Teresa Lakeman, says,**

"DRC Partnership is delighted to be working with PMZ to help them expand their services for people within Devonport. We hope that the workshops that they are now able to offer will be of great benefit to Devonport residents over the next couple of years and beyond. We wish PMZ every success in their continued and future growth."

Anyone in Devonport who feels they would like to take part in the new activities please contact Plymouth Music Zone on 01752 213690 or visit [www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk](http://www.plymouthmusiczone.org.uk)

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